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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of Application No. 09/186,810, filed November 5, 1998 for: PROSTHESIS WITH ASSOCIATED GROWTH FACTORS, by: Wenda C. Carlyle, Sheila J. Kelly, Matthew F. Ogle.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. [X] Previously submitted

- [X] Please enter in the present application the unentered Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, with any attachments, filed on October 24, 2001 (copy filed by facsimile on November 13, 2001) in said prior application.
 [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or reply Brief previously filed on _____
 [] Other _____

b. [] Enclosed

- [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.
 [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 [] Other _____

2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra (Equals)	Small Entity Rate	Add'l Fee	OR	Large Entity Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	14	- 27	= 0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$0
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RCE fee				+ 370	\$		+ 740	\$740
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				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$740.00

[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim (MDC)

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3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$740.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9303 on the date shown below thereby constituting filing of same.

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